

Correspondent Tells of Perils Along Abitibi

Breaks Through Treacherous Ice on the River and Has a Difficult Time to Keep From Freezing

Lame Dog Is Cut Loose

Mercury So Low Loss of Hands Was Feared; Tent Pitched on the Snow

By Robert Crossland

COCHRANE, Ont., Jan. 12.—There are two trails that lead to civilization from Moose Factory—one being the trail along the Abitibi River via Clute and Cochrane and the other trail following the treacherous Missinabi River. Those who guessed that the missing balloonists would return by way of the Missinabi trail had the right intuition.

It so happened that The Tribune's correspondent picked the Abitibi trail, but an account of his experiences may serve to throw some sidelights on the hardships that the balloonists had to face in going back to civilization by way of any trail whatsoever, for there is small choice in the ways that lead out of the land of the Far North.

I left Cochrane in a sleigh for Clute, four miles distant. Three men and a dog accompanied me and they were all dressed in heavy outdoor gear. I took three hours to reach Clute, which is a Revilleon trading post, the last between civilization and Moose Factory. The factor, a man named Golding, advised against the Abitibi trail on account of the treacherous rapids, but agreed to furnish Indians, dogs and supplies. At daybreak I started with two Indians, five dogs, a light tent and a week's rations.

Trail Grows Heavy

Once on the ice of the river the trail began to become heavy. Mushing with snowshoes in heavy going, when one is not accustomed to that means of travel, is to accumulate new and unpleasant sensations, but we plodded on and had covered five miles at noon. Then we took up the march again, the dogs straining at the harness, and the men were fourteen miles from Clute.

We pitched camp on the west side of the Abitibi, and below us rose a mountain which I learned was from the Little Rapids. The tent was pitched in the snow and a bed of balsam boughs was made by the Indians. A small folding stove put up a weak fire against the clutching cold. The first snow which we had for supper froze before we could eat it. The stuff the Indians called porridge was atrocious and the tea undrinkable. In the night the tent caught fire from a spark and a big hole was burned in the canvas. An Indian calmly stuffed his shirt in the hole in the tent and went back to bed.

At daybreak we mushed on up the river. A slush became noticeable beneath the snow. Several times I had to take an ax and knock the ice from my snowshoes. At one place the snow and all, went into a hole in the ice. "Mush fast!" the Indians said as they looked at my dripping leg, and I obeyed their command to keep from freezing. Huge cracks appeared in the ice and open water became frozen again. At nightfall we were thirty miles down this treacherous Northern trail.

Northern Lights Appear

I knew that if I went further along the trail and met the balloonists they would beat me back to Clute by three days, as my feet were bleeding and sore. On Sunday I stayed on the river all day, and to keep warm established a line of poles across the ice. On one of the poles I had hung a sign scrawled in lead pencil:

"The New York Tribune."
That night there were Northern lights. In a sky above the great North woods I watched the colors come and go, and my eyes traveled from the awesome sight to the white ribbon that marked the Abitibi River. Had my hands been out of my moose-skin gloves for five minutes that night I never could have used them again, so far had the mercury dropped.

On the trail we had met five Indians who lived on the river. One of these I had sent back along the trail with messages to be carried by sleigh from Clute to Cochrane and sent from there to New York.

On Monday afternoon I decided to give it up. One of the Indians had gone back and one of the dogs had gone so lame that she had to be cut loose. When we reached Clute, the sack trail being easier to travel, it was past midnight and I fell into a bunk with my clothing on. Shortly after 3 o'clock a messenger came with the news that the balloonists had been sighted twenty miles from Mattice. I went back to Mattice with the sleigh driver, who had delivered the message.

Airmen's Wild Distress Cries Brought Them Indian Savior

CROWLEY, La., Jan. 11.—Hardships of the three navy balloonists in the Canadian wilds are recounted in a letter from Lieutenant Louis Kloor Jr., written after their arrival at Moose Factory, and made public here to-day by his father.

"Snow was all we had to drink," the letter said, telling of the trip to Moose Factory after the balloon landed. "We lived on two carrier pigeons, which, luckily, I did not send back with messages. This misery lasted for three days—lost and no signs of hope or habitation."

"Friday, after having followed a small river from where we first landed in the balloon, I discovered sled tracks in the ice, and we set off to follow them. If we had not found these sled tracks we would not be living to-day."

"We followed the tracks for at least five miles. They led into a large lake of ice at least two miles wide. After walking along for about an hour on the lake, in the direction the tracks led, we spied a man about a mile ahead of us. After many wild shouts of distress I managed to stop him and got to him to tell him to help us find a town or some house, food and clothing."

"Much to my dismay I found that he could speak only in his native Indian

and never in my life have I experienced such cold weather."

The story of the Missinabi River trail was the big one to be written, but the story of the Abitibi trail may not be without its interest, showing in a general way what any man had to face when he slipped his feet into snowshoes in the vast country that swallows the three navy balloonists from Rockaway and so grudgingly gave them up.

Gen. Weyler Sees Chance Of Spanish Dictatorship

Chief of Staff Declares Events May Lead to Strong Military Government

MADRID, Jan. 11.—The Duke of Rubi (General Valeriano Weyler), Chief of Staff, interviewed yesterday by the Herald with reference to the rumored possibility of a military dictatorship, declined to give a personal opinion on the subject, but said the country needed a strong government. The duke expressed the belief that the Cabinet of Premier Dato was acting in the proper spirit, but might find difficulty in procuring a working majority, while events might happen which would call for the intervention of a temporary military government such as already had proved beneficial in Barcelona and Saragossa. "Such events would find me ready to do anything and go anywhere for the country," the duke declared.

All the newspapers comment in pessimistic tone on the political situation, foreseeing a deadlock after the writs returning the Deputies to Parliament have been verified.

State Industrial Board Pays Respects to Miller

ALBANY, Jan. 11.—The members of the State Industrial Commission, with the exception of Henry D. Sayer, called this afternoon upon Governor Miller to pay their respects. They were in conference with the Governor for about twenty minutes.

Chairman Edward F. Boyle later said the session was in regard to routine matters in the department and the Industrial Commission was being framed by Senator John J. Knight, Republican, of Wyoming, for the reconfirmation of the labor laws. It is understood these bills will be presented when the Legislature meets to-morrow evening.

Furnishings of C. E. Danforth's Home on Exhibition at Silo's

Furniture and hangings from the town-house of C. E. Danforth, 18 East Seventy-second Street, are on exhibition at Silo's annex, 343-345 Madison Avenue. These furnishings were especially designed for Mr. Danforth by Carlilan & Co.

Among the pieces of furniture are a foyer hall set in white enamel and crimson velvet, a drawing room suite in gilt and gray, and five bedroom suites. Hangings from the house are of satin and velour. The collection will be sold at sessions Friday and Saturday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Friedman Admits Falsity of Bribe Charge Against Official

Benjamin Friedman, indicted with Jacob L. Goldman on a charge of perjury in declaring on oath that James E. Smith, Assistant District Attorney, accepted a bribe, yesterday before Justice Weeks and a jury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court admitted making a misstatement.

Friedman gave testimony before the grand jury that Mr. Smith not only knew of the existence of a gambling house on Chrystie Street, but that he

accepted cash to permit the place to operate. This, Friedman said yesterday, was not true. The trial will go on to-day.

Proposed N. Y. Air Laws Prohibit Trick Flying or Acrobatics

La Guardia Measure Given Aldermen Bars Indiscriminate Dropping of Handbills or Other Articles

Major F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, who was in the air service during the war, yesterday introduced an ordinance at the meeting of the board for the purpose of regulating air traffic over the city. The ordinance is the result of a recent conference between the Aldermanic President, representatives of the air service of the army and navy, practical flyers, builders of airplanes and other authorities on aviation. Several cities are awaiting the action of the New York Aldermen and it is expected they will adopt similar ordinances.

The proposed ordinance was referred to the Committee on General Welfare, of which Alderman William T. Collins, who served in the World War as an aviator, is chairman. It will probably be reported out favorably next week. The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate air traffic until such time as Congress passes national legislation. The ordinance requires that all aircraft operating from or over the geographical limits of the city shall be governed by its conditions and terms. Its chief provisions are:

"No aircraft in the air over the limits of the city of New York shall be guided or controlled by the pilot in a manner designed to give any demonstration or trick flying or aerial acrobatics or be given any manipulation of the controls which may tend to divert the aircraft from a normal flight with every consideration for stability and safety."

"No aircraft shall fly over any part or section within the limits of the City of New York at a height lower than that enabling such aircraft to glide in any emergency and at all times to a known, established or recognized open or unobstructed place on land or water, nor shall aircraft under any circumstances, on occasion, special or otherwise, fly at a height lower than 2,000 feet, except at the beginning or end of a flight."

Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less than \$50, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both. The ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption.

85,000 Added to British Unemployed in Week

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Reports from the labor exchanges show an addition of 85,000 to the ranks of the unemployed in the last week. There are no signs, despite the many Cabinet deliberations, that the government is any nearer a solution of the problem.

A declaration from the London council of the unemployed associations advocated a national "down tools" policy, unless the government recognized Soviet Russia within seven days, but the proposal received no support.

Poet Suffering From Chill, London Paper Is Informed

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Gabriele d'Annunzio is suffering from a chill and is bedridden, says a dispatch to The Times from Milan.

Further clashes between the Fascisti and the Socialists are reported in the newspapers. At Rovigo an ex-secretary of D'Annunzio, Umberto Keinger, was killed and a leading Socialist severely wounded. At Florence the Socialists stormed the house of one of their enemies and confiscated most of his valuables and much of his furniture.

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